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SUMMARY: DAS BARRY DISCUSSED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES
WITH GOV OFFICIALS. VENEZUELAN SHOWED INTEREST BUT
OFFERED LITTLE NEW IN THE WAY OF COMMENTS. DAS BARRY
AND EMBASSY RECOMMEND THAT FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THESE
TOPICS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY.

1. DAS BARRY, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE AND POLCOUNS, MET
MORNING OF JULY 31 WITH VENEZUELAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER,
GOMEZ MANTELLINI, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
POLICY , AMBASSADOR NAVA CARRILLO, AND HORACIO ARTEAGA, SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. DAS BARRY
BEGAN WITH EXPOSITION ON NAMIBIA INCLUDING MANDATE OF
SECGEN REPRESENTATIVE, BUDGET AND LA SUPPORT, EITHER
MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, FOR TRANSITION OPERATION THERE. GOV
OFFICIALS WERE INTERESTED BUT NON-COMMITTAL ON ALL POINTS.
AMBASSADOR NAVA ASKED ABOUT WALVIS BAY AND BARRY REPLIED THAT
USG BELIEVES WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE A PART OF NAMIBIA ALTHOUGH
ITS INTEGRATION MAY HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.
DAS BARRY MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO RHODESIA, THANKING VENEZUELAN
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FOR SUPPORT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

2. DAS BARRY RAISED THE ISSUE OF ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION AND MADE
CLEAR THE USG'S OBJECTION TO THIS EQUATION OR OF
THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS TYPE OF RESOLUTION IN ANY UN OR RELATED
FORUM. THE VENEZUELAN WERE NON-COMMITTAL. DAS BARRY THEN DISCUSSED
THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN FORCE IN LEBANON AND MENTIONED

THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND US
OPPOSITION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATION. THE
VENEZUELANS EXPRESSED INTEREST BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT.

3. DAS BARRY THEN MADE A PRESENTATION ON PUERTO RICO AND REVIEWED
PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROCLAMATION OF JULY 25 CONCERNING THE ADMINIST-
RATION'S POSITION. VENEZUELAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT
VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION IS
BEST UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.MR. ARTEAGA POINTED OUT THAT WHEN
VENEZUELA WAS ON THE COMMITTEE OF 24 (ACCORDING TO HIM UP TO
1975) THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION ALWAYS ABSTAINED ON VOTES ON
PUERTO RICO, BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATI
ON
MAY BE SIGNIFICANT SHOULD THIS ISSUE END UP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
END COMMENT.

4. DAS BARRY THEN DISCUSSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSAL TO
THE CONGRESS ON UN REFORM. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT THE
ENGLISH VERSION OF THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PROMISED THAT A SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSION
WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. AMBASSADOR NAVA CARRILLO SAID THAT
ONCE THE GOV RECEIVED THE SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSION IT WOULD COMMENT.
THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS, BUT IT WAS AGREED
THIS ISSUE HAD ALREADY BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AT ECOSOC.

5. DAS BARRY ASKED THE VENEZUELANS WHETHER THEY HAD ANY
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INFORMATON THAT COSTA RICA MIGHT ONCE AGAIN RAISE THE
QUESTION OF A UNHIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMANRIGHTS. THE
VENEZUELANS POINTED OUT THAT, WERE THE COSTA RICANS TO RAISE THIS
MATTER AGAIN, VENEZUELA WOULD SUPPORT IT. COMMENT:
PRESIDENT PEREZ, IN AN ADDRESS GIVEN SAME DAY AT THE OPENING
OF A HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR, ALSO STATED THAT VENEZUELA WOULD SUPPORT
ANY MOVE TO ESTABLISH A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. END
COMMENT. DAS BARRY THEN DISCUSSED THE USG VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE
WIDENING OF THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN
RIGHTS. IN REPLY TO A VENEZUELAN QUESTION ABOUT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS,
DAS BARRY SAID THAT USG HAD NONE, BUT THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL
TO COORDINATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS OF VARIOUS SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES SUCH AS THE ILO AND UNESCO. THE DISCUSSION THEN SHIFTED TO
THE UNESCO DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA, AND THE VENEZUELANS SAID THAT
VENEZUELAN WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL NEWS
ORGANIZATIONS.

6. DAS BARRY THEN DISCUSSED US VIEWS ON THE UN BUDGET MENTIONING
THE USG BELIEF THAT THE UN SHOULD CUT OUT INEFFICIENT PROGRAMS;
ESTABLISH CEILINGS ON THE SALARIES OF TOP UN OFFICIALS AND RESTRICT
FIRST CLASS TRAVEL OF UN OFFICIALS. THE VENEZUELANS SEEMED UNINFORMED
ON THESE ISSUES AND SEEMED SURPRISED TO LEARN VENEZUELA HAD

ABSTAINED ON SOME OF THEM IN THE PAST.

7. THE VENEZUELANES RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF US SUPPORT (SEE CARACAS 5880) FOR A VENEZUELAN CANDIDATE FOR A NEW LATIN AMERICAN SEAT ON THE CCD. DAS BARRY REPLIED THAT THE USG POSITION WAS TO SUPPORT THE CHOICE OF THE REGIONAL GROUP, BUT THE CHOICE WAS UP TO THE REGIONAL GROUP.

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8. COMMENT: THE VENEZUELANES WERE NOT TALKATIVE. THIS WAS PARTLY CAUSED BY THE ABSENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO PROBABLY IS THE MAJOR VOICE WITHIN THE GOV IN DECIDING VENEZUELAN UN POSITIONS. IT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN PARTLY DUE TO VENEZUELAN DESIRE FOR LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE G-77 AND THE CONSEQUENT DESIRE FOR UNITY WITH THAT GROUP. THE GOV TENDS TO MAKE UP ITS MIND ON MANY UN ISSUES JUST BEFORE THE UNGA AND SENDS MOST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SENIOR OFFICIALS TO THE OPEING OF THE GA. BOTH EMBOFFS AND DAS BARRY BELIEVE THAT FOLLOW-UP ON THESE VARIOUS ISSUES SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN NEW YROK. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR NAVA CARRILLO ON THESE ISSUES, POLCOUNS HAS CONCLUDED THAT GOV HAS SIMPLY NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND.

9. DAS BARRY DISCUSSED ECONOMIC ISSUE AFTERNOON OF JULY 31, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ECONCOUNS, WITH MESSRS. GIL, SORESENSEN, TER HORST AND BRACHO, REPRESENTING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE INSTITUE OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND THE OFFICE OF MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, VENEZUELAN MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

10. THE MEETING BEGAN WITH AN EXPLANATION BY THE GOV

OFFICIALS OF VENEZUELA'S THIRD WORLD POSITION: NOW THAT TRADE
BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAS REACHED A LESS DYNAMIC
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AND MORE MATURE STAGE, THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES NEED THE LDC
MARKETS. AS LDC ECONOMIES STRENGTHEN, THEY WILL BECOME THE
RAPIDLY EXPANDING MARKETS OF THE FUTURE. IN ORDER FOR THESE
MARKETS TO DEVELOP, THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES NEED BETTER PRICES
FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS, BETTER ACCESS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES'
MARKETS, DEBT RELIEF AND MORE EFFECTIVE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
AT THE LAST MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEW ECONOMIC ORD
ER
THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT THIS APPROACH WAS NEEDED BUT CONSENSUS
WAS LACKING ON THE SPECIFIC STEPS TO ACCOMPLISH IT. IT IS HOPED
THAT THE NEXT SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WILL PRODUCE SOME PROGRESS,
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS OF T
HE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE A POINT OF EMPHASIS.

11. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION DAS BARRY SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT
TO DEAL WITH THE G-77 BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF PRIORITIES, DEGREE
OF DIVERSITY AND DIFFUSION OF VIEWS. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO DEFINE AND TIGHTEN THE ISSUES FOR FUTURE
DISCUSSION TO BE FRUITFUL. HE REVIEWED SOME OF THE POSITIVE
ACHIEVEMENTS; THE ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, PROGRES
S
ON COMMODITY PROGRAMS, THE RETROACTIVE TERMS OF ADJUSTMENT OF LDC
DEBT. JULIO GIL BRIEFLY ALLUDED TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY DIVISIVE
TACTICS IN THE G-77. FOLLOWING THIS, THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION
OF THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE IN WHICH THE VENEZUELANES HELD TO
PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED POSITIONS.

12. DAS BARRY SAID THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN THE SEVERAL LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD REVEALED LITTLE INTEREST IN THE COMMON FUND.

13. THE GOV OFFICIALS DID NOT SEE MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT IN
THE BONN MEETING FOR THE LDCS. THE STATEMENTS WERE GENERAL AND
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DID NOT MOVE THE ISSUES BEYOND WHERE THEY HAD BEEN LEFT AT THE
LAST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING.

14. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING DAS BARRY TOUCHED ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF TCDC AND UNIDO BOTH OF WHICH ARE ONLY OF
VERY MODERATE INTEREST TO VENEZUELA AND DID NOT ENGENDER
SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION. ON OTHER UN ISSUES, THE GOV EVIDENCED

A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER MORE COOPERATION OF UN AGENCIES IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

15. COMMENT: THERE APPEARED TO BE LESS INTEREST AND URGENCY ON THE PART OF GOV OFFICIALS IN THE ISSUES. AS THE GOVERNMENT ENTERS ITS FINAL MONTHS IN OFFICE, THIS IS PERHAPS TO BE EXPECTED. (ALSO, FROM STRICT SELF INTEREST, VENEZUELA EARNS 95 PERCENT OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM THE SALE OF OIL WHICH PRESENTS LITTLE OR NO MARKETING PROBLEMS OF THE KIND THAT FACE OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH VENEZUELA IS INTERESTED IN A BETTER MARKET POSITION FOR THESE COUNTRIES WHICH MUST EARN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO BUY VENEZUELAN OIL). THESE ISSUES WERE IMPORTANT BECAUSE PRESIDENT PEREZ GAVE THEM POLITICAL IMPORT IN HIS ENTHUSIASM TO BE A THIRD WORLD LEADER. IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT NEITHER OF THE CANDIDATES WITH CHANCES OF WINNING THE DECEMBER ELECTION HAVE THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE THIRD WORLD EXHIBITED BY PEREZ. THUS, GOV OFFICIALS PROBABLY REFLECTED A LACK OF CERTAINTY AS TO HOW IMPORTANT THESE ISSUES WILL BE TO THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. CROWLEY

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